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I'm writing to express my concerns over NAB petition 04-160. Frankly, traditional broadcasters have failed to meet the needs of the listening public for at least the last 10 years. AM/FM radio is a travesty. The lack of programming and overload of commercials led me to subscribe to XM Satellite Radio. Although I am only a subscriber to XM Radio, I also write in support of Sirius Satellite radio, as well as any future satellite radio services that might join XM and Sirius.

XM's Traffic and weather Service is a brilliant service. I live in The Greater New York Area and find the Traffic and weather service offered by XM for New York to be an incredible help. I have also made use of the Boston traffic and weather service and am similarly impressed. I cannot express how great it is to turn on XM and get a traffic report for where I am about to go. The alternative of waiting for my FM station to taunt me with advertisement after advertisement, while I am sitting in traffic with no alternative, is wholly unacceptable.

The FCC should be representing the community's right to choose. If XM does not provide a valuable service, they will fail. The same should be true of AM/FM radio. Perhaps this service by XM will make traditional radio stations reconsider their own offerings.

I also urge you consider that as a subscription service, XM should not be held to the NAB's whims. I chose to subscribe to Satellite radio because traditional Am/FM Radio has become a travesty.

I urge you FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160. Please support XM's ability to provide the kind of programming that we demand and deserve as subscribers.

Thank You,